

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing signaling in a communication link between a sending node and a receiving node, the method comprising; characterized in that

providing a current transmission which includes the signaling contains a predetermined bit pattern that indicates whether control information in the current transmission can be used alone for decoding a transport channel, or whether at least a portion some part of the control information from an earlier transmission must also be used to decode the transport channel.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission contains the control information in the current transmission.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission contains the predetermined bit pattern.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the communication-link current transmission is provided is-based-on using a hybrid automatic repeat request (HARQ) protocol.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the some part of the information is from current transmission comprises a retransmission of the earlier transmission of the same block.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the sending node is user equipment and the receiving node is a node B in an uplink.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the sending node is a Node B and the receiving node is user equipment in a downlink.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined bit pattern consists of only one bit.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined bit pattern ~~consists of more than one bit in a predetermined pattern, including~~ comprises a bit pattern of “00” or a bit pattern of “11”.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein the TFCI ~~includes~~ contains one bit in the form of comprising a TFCI flag indicating how to decode data blocks in a current data frame.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein a separate dedicated control channel contains the predetermined bit pattern.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein if the one bit is a logical “1”, ~~then~~ the receiving node uses a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission for decoding, i.e. the wherein a number of information bits for this a transport format of the current transmission equals the a number of information bits for a transport format that is defined in the earlier transmission also originally when the TFCI was defined.

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein if the one bit is a logical “0,” ~~then~~ using only the a number of channel bits from a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission for the decoding, such that the receiving node assumes the same and using a number of information bits from for this transport format as in the earlier transmission for the decoding, thus using partly current control information and partly earlier control information.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein the data current transmission is discarded if there is no earlier transmission.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein an acknowledgement (ACK) is sent depending on the outcome of if the decoding is successful.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein a no-acknowledgement (NAK) is either sent or not sent depending on the outcome of if the decoding is unsuccessful.

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12, further comprising wherein the method includes the steps of:

reading the TFCI flag; and

if the TFCI flag is equal to a logical "1", using all rate matching (RM) parameters from the TFCI and for decoding data in the transport channel.

21. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20, wherein the method includes the step of further comprising sending an acknowledgement (ACK) if the decoding is successful.

22. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20, wherein the method includes the steps of further comprising sending a no-acknowledgement (NAK) if the decoding is not successful and storing the rate matching (RM) parameters.

23. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12, further comprising: wherein the method includes the steps of

if the TFCI flag is equal to a logical "0", using only the a number of channel bits from the current transmission for the decoding;

if the earlier transmission is available, getting the using a number of information bits from the earlier transmission for the decoding; and

if the earlier transmission is not available, then discarding the current transmission data since the RM parameters are not available and sending a non-acknowledgement.

24. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises implementing the step of the method the current transmission is provided via a computer program running in a processing means in an uplink/downlink dedicated channel transmission module of either the sending node or the receiving node.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer program product with a program code, which wherein the program code is stored on a machine readable carrier, and further wherein the program code is configured to: for carrying out steps for

providing provide signaling a current transmission in a communication link between a sending node and a receiving node, wherein the current transmission signaling containing includes a predetermined bit pattern that indicates whether control information in the current transmission can be used alone for decoding, or whether some part of the at least a portion of control information from an earlier transmission must also be used for the decoding, when wherein the computer program product is run in a processing means which forms part of an uplink/downlink dedicated channel transmission module of either the sending node or the receiving node.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the sending node and the receiving node form part of a wireless network.

27. (Currently Amended) A receiving node for receiving signaling in a communication link with a sending node, comprising: characterized in that a receiving module configured to receive a current transmission, wherein the current transmission includes the signaling contains a predetermined bit pattern that indicates whether control information in the current transmission can be used alone for decoding, or whether some part of the at least a portion of control information from an earlier transmission must also be used for the decoding.

28. (Currently Amended) A receiving node according to claim 27, wherein a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission contains the control information in the current transmission.

29. (Original) A receiving node method according to claim 27, wherein a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission contains the predetermined bit pattern.

30. (Original) A receiving node according to claim 27, wherein the communication link is based on using a hybrid automatic repeat request (HARQ) protocol.

31. (Currently Amended) A receiving node according to claim 27, wherein the current transmission comprises a retransmission of some part of the control information is from the earlier transmission of the same block.

32. (Original) A receiving node according to claim 27, wherein the signaling is used for decoding a transport channel being sent in the communications link.

33. (Original) A receiving node according to claim 27, wherein the communication link is an uplink or a downlink.

34. (Original) A receiving node according to claim 27, wherein the sending node is user equipment and the receiving node is a node B in an uplink.

35. (Original) A receiving node according to claim 27, wherein the sending node is a Node B and the receiving node is user equipment in a downlink.

36. (Original) A receiving node according to claim 27, wherein the predetermined bit pattern consists of only one bit.

37. (Currently Amended) A receiving node according to claim 27, wherein the predetermined bit pattern comprises consists of more than one bit in a predetermined pattern, including a bit pattern of "00" or "11".

38. (Currently Amended) A sending node for providing signaling in a communication link with a receiving node, comprising: characterized in that a transmission module configured to send a current transmission, wherein the current transmission includes the signaling contains a predetermined bit pattern that indicates whether control information in the current transmission can be used alone for decoding, or

whether some part of the at least a portion of control information from an earlier transmission must also be used.

39. (Currently Amended) A sending node according to claim 38, wherein a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission contains the control information in the current transmission.

40. (Original) A sending node method according to claim 38, wherein a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission contains the predetermined bit pattern.

41. (Original) A sending node according to claim 38, wherein the communication link is based on using a hybrid automatic repeat request (HARQ) protocol.

42. (Currently Amended) A sending node according to claim 38, wherein the current transmission comprises a retransmission of some part of the control information is from the earlier transmission of the same block.

43. (Original) A sending node according to claim 38, wherein the signaling is used for decoding a transport channel being sent in the communications link.

44. (Original) A sending node according to claim 38, wherein the communication link is an uplink or a downlink.

45. (Original) A sending node according to claim 38, wherein the sending node is user equipment and the receiving node is a node B in an uplink.

46. (Original) A sending node according to claim 38, wherein the sending node is a Node B and the receiving node is user equipment in a downlink.

47. (Original) A sending node according to claim 38, wherein the predetermined bit pattern consists of only one bit.

48. (Currently Amended) A sending node according to claim 38, wherein the predetermined bit pattern comprises consists of more than one bit in a predetermined pattern; including a bit pattern of “00” or “11”.

49. (Currently Amended) A system having a sending node for providing signaling in a communication link with a receiving node, the system comprising: characterized in that a sending node comprising a transmission module configured to transmit a current transmission; and

a receiving node comprising a receiving module configured to receive the current transmission from the sending node, wherein

the current transmission includes signaling contains a predetermined bit pattern that indicates whether control information in the current transmission can be used alone for decoding, or whether some part of the at least a portion of control information from an earlier transmission must also be used for the decoding.

50. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 49, wherein a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission contains the control information in the current transmission.

51. (Original) A system method according to claim 49, wherein a transport format combination indicator (TFCI) in the current transmission contains the predetermined bit pattern.

52. (Original) A system according to claim 49, wherein the communication link is based on using a hybrid automatic repeat request (HARQ) protocol.

53. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 49, wherein the current transmission comprises a retransmission of some part of the control information is from the earlier transmission of the same block.

54. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 49, wherein the decoding comprises signaling is used for decoding a transport channel being sent in the communications link.

55. (Original) A system according to claim 49, wherein the communication link is an uplink or a downlink.

56. (Original) A system according to claim 49, wherein the sending node is user equipment and the receiving node is a node B in an uplink.

57. (Original) A system according to claim 49, wherein the sending node is a Node B and the receiving node is user equipment in a downlink.

58. (Original) A system according to claim 49, wherein the predetermined bit pattern consists of only one bit.

59. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 49, wherein the predetermined bit pattern ~~consists of more than one bit in a predetermined pattern, including comprises~~ a bit pattern of “00” or “11”.

60. (Original) A system according to claim 49, wherein the system is a communication system.